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1st BCT, 4th Inf. Div. Soldiers kick off gunnery training today

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FORT HOOD, Texas – Soldiers from 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, kicked off gunnery training today as the brigade continues to prepare for its third deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The training is slated to run through June 11 for the Soldiers of four of the brigade's battalions, who are conducting combat-vehicle gunnery training.

Soldiers will have the opportunity to unleash their main weapons and demonstrate their skills and training when the crews attack the Bradley and Abrams Tank Tables, as well as Paladin howitzer fire missions, to qualify the vehicle crews. The collective training will also focus on vehicle-crew battle drills, fire commands, target acquisition, call for fire missions, forward observer training and unit internal communication.

MEDIA NOTE:

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News media representatives interested in attending the ceremony are asked to call Maj. Dave Olson, 1st BCT PAO, at (254) 319-7720 (cell), or email

David.Olson1@hood.army.mil no later than 3 p.m. the day prior to attending the training. Local, regional and national media are invited June 4-11. Please provide the following information:

Name of organization, personnel attending and contact phone numbers.

Public Affairs representatives will coordinate with media members for pick-up times at the Fort Hood main entrance.